

I am a lifelong independent and expect my government agencies to, overtly at least, behave independently of partisan politics. I find the plans of Sinclair to be outrageous and in no way deserving of the constitutional protections afforded actual journalists. If the FCC stands aside and allows this thinly-veiled attempt to unfairly promote one candidate over another, the quality of American government and the legitimacy of that government can only be diminished.

And should the Sinclair scheme come to pass, then it is incumbent upon the FCC to require that all stations airing this campaign material masquerading as "news" to provide the same amount of air time in a similar time slot before the election to the opposing campaign.

Sinclair is granted the right to use the public airwaves without charge, but that access is predicated on certain protections of, and service to, the public interest. The public interest will be poorly served by the commissions neglect of its duty in this manner.

Thank you.